Loans distributed by Union Bank of India, Nagpur

3762. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications for loans under the various categories received by the various branches of the Union Bank of India in Nagpur District of Maharashtra and the amounts applied for therein during the last three years;

(b) the number of applications and the amount involved therein sanctioned and disbursed;

(c) the number of applications and amount involved therein pending disposal and

(d) whether any action is being contemplated against the officers responsible for lethargy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) As per report received from Union Bank of India, the total number of applications for loans under the various categories received by the branches of the bank in Nagpur District of Maharashtra during the last three years, the number of applications sanctioned and disbursed out of the same and the number of applications pending disposal, alongwith the amount involved therein, were as under:

(Rs. in lacs)

	No. of applications	Amount involved
1. Application received	2137	285·37
2. Applications sanctioned & disbursed . .	1836	255·95
3. Applications pending/disposal . . .	84	4·20

The bank has reported in this regard that applications pending disposal, as shown above were received towards the end of the financial year. The same were subsequently disposed off in the following months, and the question of taking action against any officer does not arise.

Vehicle loans for 1984 riot victims in Delhi

3763. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have provided loan to the victims of 1984 Delhi riots for purchase of vehicles, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating rate of interest and mode of recovery, etc.;

(c) whether it is also a fact that later on Government had written off the loan partly and the balance was to be recovered on interest free basis;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have received any complaints that some of the nationalised banks are not following the above instructions and they are making full recovery with interest thereon; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and what remedial measures Government propose to take in the matter and what action is proposed to be taken against the erring bank officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had issued instructions to all scheduled commercial banks in November, 1984 to provide assistance in the form of loans to persons affected by November, 1984 riots in Delhi and other parts of the country to enable them to rehabilitate themselves. Banks were instructed to pay particular attention to the credit needs o all small persons, *viz.* taxi, truck and other transport operators.

(b) The concessional rate of 12.5 per cent was applicable to all fresh advances aggregating upto Rs. 5 lakhs for all categories of affected persons. This rate of interest was to be allowed for a period of 3 to 5 years for working capital finance and up to 7 years for term lonas. The period of loan was to vary from 3 to 5 years depending upon the need and future repaying capacity.

(c) and (d) The Government has not issued any instructions regarding writing off these loans. However, RBI had advised the banks in December, 1989 to review the credit facilities granted to the November, 1984 affected borrowers and provide relief which may conclude further extension of time for payment of dues, entering into compromise arrangements and in cases where there are no reasonable chances of recovery of dues, write off the amount due from the borrowers.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Pending Court Cases regarding Customs and Central Excise

3764. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that various cases regarding revenue of Customs and Central Ercise are pending in different courts;

(b) if so, the number of such cases pending in the courts and the steps being taken by Government to recover such revenue;

(c) what is the progress of CERAT and Settlement Commission in Custom and Central Excise; and

(d) by when Government propose to set up the Tribunal and the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 1.5.92, there are 1,687 customs cases and 2785 central excise cases pending before Supreme Court and 9,749 customs cases and 5,983 central excise cases pending before various High Courts.

Steps being taken for expeditious finalisation of court cases include periodical review and monitoring at various levels, moving courts for early hearings and vacation of stays, close liaison with Law Ministry and their Branch Secretariats, requesting High Courts and Supreme Court for taking up bunch of cases, issue-wise, requesting courts for allocating special bench for dealing with customs and central excise cases and making senior officers like Collectors and Principal Collectors responsible for pursuing the matters.

(c) The Tribunal, in pursuance of the Customs and Excise Revenue Appellate Tribunal Act, 1986 (No. 62 of 1986), could not be set up as writ petitions were filed in Bombay and Delhi High Courts challenging the vires of the Act. The details of the amendments to the Act are being worked out in the light of the directions of the Bombay High Court in their interim order.

A proposal for setting up a Settlement Commission for prompt settlement of customs and central excise cases is under active consideration, the details of which are being worked out.